

ABSTRACT

CONTROL OF INTERCONNECTED AUDIO/VIDEO DEVICES

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A local communication system comprises a plurality of devices (10, 12, 50) interconnected (14) for the communication of data. One of the devices (12) is a display device arranged to display data from one or more other devices of the system, and one of said devices (40) is a remote control carrying a first 10 group of controls (A..G) for controlling respective operational functions of a device (10) of the system. The system is configured to identify a selected device (10) of the system to be controlled by user operation of said remote control device (40), and to determine which operational functions of that selected device do not have a corresponding control (C, D) on the remote 15 control. For such functions, the system generates on the display device a user actuatable simulacrum 56 of a control for that function (H, J, K, L).

(Figure 2)

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